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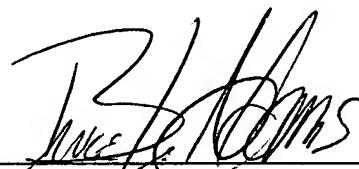
In the last Action, restriction was required between claims 1-6, 9 and 15-25 drawn to an ink jet head and claims 10-14 and 26-30 drawn to a method for removing unwanted substances in an ink jet head. The Examiner stated that the two inventions are patentably distinct from each other, thereby making restriction proper. Applicant was required to elect one of the two inventions for further prosecution in this application.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant has provisionally elected the invention of Group I drawn to an ink jet head and submits that claims 1-6, 9 and 15-25 are readable on the elected invention. The non-elected claims have been retained in the application pending possible withdrawal of the restriction requirement or applicant's decision to pursue the subject matter thereof in a continuing application.

In light of the foregoing, early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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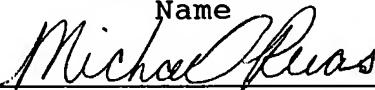
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